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Signs of the Last Day

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"There is a Hadith in Sahih Muslim that a Khalifah will die. And there will be disagreement concerning who will succeed him. Now we have a problem here. We haven't heard that word (Bai'aa) for years and years. The word 'Bai'aa' means 'pledge of allegiance'. What is this Bai'aa?

It is the pledge of allegiance which legitimizes the role of the Khalifah. That is Bai'aa. And it is an institution that is

Now then, I made this comment, and I did not make this comment in any disrespectful way, I was merely

I said that Makkah has never been a Shia city, is that true or is that false?

I never said that there are no Shia in Saudi Arabia. Please have some respect for your own intellect; and

There is nothing to suggest to us, that the situation will change in the future, and that Makkah will transform into a Shia city. If you have an answer, I will be happy to get the answer. You can send me an email. ...This is a reasonable argument. And so I conclude that the Imam cannot be Shia. This is my conclusion.

Now then, the argument is raised that because the Prophet (SA) used the word 'Khalifah', that a Khalifah will be from the ranks of the people. "How will you be (at that time) when the son of Mary descends amongst you and your Imām will (at that time) descend amongst you?" (Sahīh Bukhārī)

Why should the Prophet (SA) say to us that this Imam would be from your own ranks; when we already know that he will be a Shia?

My understanding is that, the Hadith is clear. Prior to the advent of Imam Al-Mahdi. it is not possible to rule over the entire world. Who could it be? The answer is clear. It has to be a Saudi King. Because there are too many princes out there.